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FOREST SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, DEORALI - 737 120**

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, frequent incidences of injuries to human life and property by Wildlife has come to the notice of the State Government.

And whereas, it is apprehended that the victims might kill or destroy wild animals by poisoning and may develop hostile behavior.

Now therefore, in order to curb this menace, the State Government is hereby pleased to provide the following reliefs or Ex-gratia payment to the injured or to the legal heirs of the victims of depredation caused by the following animals, namely:-

1. (1) Tiger (Panthera tigris)
(2) Snow Leopard (Panthera uncia uncia)
(3) Bear (Selenarctus thibetanus)
(4) Leopard or Panther (Panthera pardus)
(5) Tibetan Wolf (Canis lupus chanco)
I. The rate of Ex-gratia payment or relief has been categorized as follows, namely:-
(1) Human injury (simple) - Rs. 10,000.00
(2) Human injury (grievous) - Rs. 50,000.00
(3) Human death - Rs. 1,50,000.00
II. The rate of Ex-gratia payment for live-stock by Tiger, Snow-Leopard, Bear, Wolf, Panther or Leopard shall be as follows, namely:-
(1) Cow - Rs.10,000.00
(2) Bull - Rs.12,000.00
(3) Buffalo - Rs.15,000.00
(4) Calf - Rs. 5,000.00
(5) Goat - Rs. 6,000.00
(6) Sheep - Rs. 5,000.00
(7) Pony - Rs. 5,000.00
(8) Yak/Dzo - Rs.15,000.00
2. The rate of Ex-gratia payment of crop damaged by Monkey, Wild boar, Bear, Porcupine, Civet, Deer, Peacock shall be as follows namely:-
(1) Cardamom No. of rhizomes @ Rs. 4/- each
(2) Maize No. of cob @ Rs. 4/- each

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| (3) | Paddy | Area damaged | Actual assessment based on market value. |
| (4) | Millet | -do- | -do- |
| (5) | Potato | -do- | -do- |
| (6) | Tubers (simal tarul (tapioca), Ghatarul, squash, sweet potato etc.) | -do- | -do- |
| (7) | Buck wheat | -do- | -do- |
| (8) | Wheat | -do- | -do- |
| (9) | Oat/Barley | -do- | -do- |
| (10) | Orange | -do- | -do- |
| (11) | Guava | -do- | -do- |
| (12) | Pear | -do- | -do- |
| (13) | Peach | -do- | -do- |
| (14) | Plum | -do- | -do- |
| (15) | Apple | -do- | -do- |
| (16) | Jack fruit | -do- | -do- |
| (17) | Wood apple | -do- | -do- |
| (18) | Banana | -do- | -do- |
| (19) | Cauliflower | -do- | -do- |
| (20) | Cabbage | -do- | -do- |
| (21) | Peas | -do- | -do- |
| (22) | Beans | -do- | -do- |
| (23) | Soyabeans | -do- | -do- |

3. The Ex-gratia payment indicated above shall be paid only after making thorough assessment and fulfillment of the following conditions, namely:-

- (a) No Ex-gratia payment shall be made for any incident occurring within the boundaries of Reserve forest and Protected Areas (PAs).
- (b) The Cattle should be accompanied by a cowherd at the time of killing or damage.
- (c) Killing/damage is reported within 24 (twenty four) hours to the nearest Forest/Wildlife Office or Police Station.
- (d) The animal killed should not be removed from the site or smeared with pesticides etc, the area of crop damage should be left undisturbed till the assessment has been made.
- (e) No flesh is removed from the carcass by the owner for eating or other purpose.
- (f) The verification of the animal killed/crop damaged by the wildlife mentioned in this Notification must be by a person not below the rank of Range Officer.
- (g) The verification should be done in the presence of cattle/crop owner and the local Panchayats. It should be supported by reliable witness and relevant documentary proofs and;
- (h) Ex-gratia payment indicated above shall be paid only after production of a Medical Certificate from a Government Hospital and in case of crop damage certified by concerned Panchayats, EDCs & JFMCs.

This Notification supersedes Notification No. 139/WL/F/97/08 dated July 20, 1999 published in extraordinary gazette number 168 dated the 21st July, 1999.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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